

NOTIFICATION TO COUNTY MAYOR OF COMMITTEE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF MAURY COUNTY COMMISSION

The Special Called Safety Committee met Wednesday November 30 at 5:00p.m. with the following members of the committee present:

Commissioners Gerald Adkison, Ricky Sims, Terry Potts, Daniel Cooper

Commissioner Gerald Adkison led the commission in prayer.

Commissioner Don Morrow advised that the purpose of the meeting would be to discuss funding for bridges in Maury County.

Maury County Road Superintendent Van Boshers presented a list of at least 30 local bridges in poor condition. He stated that this was the worst year for bridge inspection that he has seen in 20 years. He further stated that he would not have a full report until the inspections were complete. He requested the funding to repair the closed bridge on Seavey Height Rd. and the bridge in need of desperate repair on Harlan Farm Rd. Stating that the engineer had assured him that they would have the drawings prepared by the middle of January. The repairs and renovations are expected to cost at least \$600,000 for one and \$200,000 for the other. He stated that all but one of the bridges in Maury County were built with state aid funds during his time in position.

State Representative Sheila Butt stated that after consulting with Senate Transportation and Safety Committee Chairman Senator Jim Tracy. The county could apply for state grants to fund some of the necessary renovations and repairs to the bridges. She stated that she had spoken with TDOT and they were very concerned with the fact that Maury County had bridges that were closed. She felt as though the state would be beneficial in helping with the bridges. TDOT would need a prioritized list of bridges with estimates for repairs, before they could begin to decide how to allocate any of the funds. She stated that it was very possible for the state to receive federal funds to help with bridges; however, she could not be sure how much or when that would happen. Representative Butt discouraged the commission from increasing taxes to fund the necessary renovations and repairs. She stated an increase should be the decision for the constituents to make.

Maury County citizen James W. Harlan Jr. at 2518 Roberts Bend Rd approached the podium. Mr. Harlan stated that he would like to bring attention to the Hughes Bridge on Roberts Bend Rd. He said the state had placed a weight limit of 21 tons on the bridge. Mr. Harlan stated that weight limits and poor conditions of the bridges pose concerns for farming operations, school buses, developers, as well as the citizens in Maury County and at some point the issues will have to be addressed.

Several Commissioners expressed concerns that the state funds, although beneficial, would not be enough to finance the necessary construction for the two bridges.

Commissioner Davis Burkhalter stated that he thought there was enough money in the 151 fund to allow the capacity to borrow the money to fix the two bridges on Seavey Height Rd. and Harlan Farm Rd. He further stated that it would be less than 1 million dollars. The committee would pass a Resolution to send to the Budget Committee. He stated they would then move forward to fix those two bridges only. Commissioner Don Morrow stated that he would entertain a motion based on Commissioner Davis Burkhalter's suggestions concerning the 151 fund on these two bridges only. Commissioner Davis Burkhalter reiterated that the money would have to be borrowed and then paid for out of the 151 fund. Commissioner Ricky Sims made a motion to approve. Commissioner Terry Potts seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn.

CHARLIE NORMAN,
MAURY COUNTY MAYOR

DON MORROW,
CHAIRMAN

***THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.
THEY WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING.***